



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)  
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program  
555 Cordova Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AN  
ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES)  
GENERAL PERMIT  
TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:

**DEC Contact:**

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**Draft Permit Public Notice Period:**

Public Notice Start Date: 6/25/2019

Public Notice Expiration Date: 7/26/2019

**Permit No.:** AKG003000

**Permit Name:** Hydrostatic and Aquifer Pump Test General Permit

**Proposed Permit Coverage:**

Hydrostatic discharges eligible for coverage under this statewide General Permit including flushing will consist of either potable or non-potable water discharges used to pressurize a tank or vessel to conduct leak detection tests. The discharged water will be free of any additives and primary contaminants that would consist of suspended solids, residual chlorine, and petroleum hydrocarbon residue present in used hydrocarbon transport pipes and storage tanks. This permit also authorizes hydrostatic testing where water is placed within a tank or vessel under atmospheric pressure to detect leaks and the flushing of public water supply lines and storage tanks. The flushing of water lines or tanks often occurs following a new installation where the line or tank may be super chlorinated to disinfect prior to use.

Aquifer pump testing discharges covered under this statewide General Permit are for mineral mining and exploration activities only and would consist of groundwater pump tests conducted to determine well yields, recharge rates, and hydrogeological conditions. Aquifer pump testing discharges would contain pumped groundwater from a water well discharged to either the surface or to a water body. The primary pollutants would be suspended solids, dissolved solids, and potentially naturally occurring trace metals.

Mixing Zone: None proposed.

**Tentative Determination:**

DEC has tentatively determined to reissue a discharge permit for the activity described above.

## **Public Comments:**

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft general permit must be submitted within **30** days of the issuance of this public notice. Please direct written comments to the attention of James Rypkema at the address or email identified above. All comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of comment on the permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comment is based. Comments of either support or concern which are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

DEC will consider all comments when making the final decision, and will respond to received comments in a Response to Comments document issued when DEC issues a final permit. The Response to Comments will be made available to the public.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number. DEC will hold a public hearing whenever DEC finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. DEC may also hold a public hearing if a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in a permit decision or for other good reason in DEC's discretion.

DEC will transmit the final permit, fact sheet (amended as appropriate), and Response to Comments to anyone who provided comments during the public review period or requested to be notified of DEC final decision.

## **DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING 7/26/2019 at 5:00 p.m. ADT**

### **Administrative Record:**

The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, and associated documents are available for public review at the ADEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

555 Cordova Street  
**Anchorage**, AK 99501  
907-269-6285

610 University Avenue  
**Fairbanks**, AK 99709  
907-451-2100

410 Willoughby Ave #303  
**Juneau**, AK 99811  
907-465-5300

If you would like to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact James Rypkema.

The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>.

To receive email notifications about the APDES Program, including when permits are available to review, follow the link below to join the APDES email list.

[http://dec.alaska.gov/water/npdes/npdes\\_email\\_list.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/water/npdes/npdes_email_list.htm)

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